



THE HAMCALL

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PRESIDENT Timothy Robinson KF4MGU COMMENTS

I want to thank Bill Brown, WB8ELK, for providing the club with one of the best programs we've had. Bill is a guru of balloons and ATV, and I'm pleased that we had the opportunity to hear him speak. Unfortunately, due to unfavorable weather, we had to reschedule our launch to a later date. The date will be discussed at the club meeting due to the illness of Bill Brown. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate and we'll have a successful launch and recovery of the payload.

On June 20th I had the opportunity to participate in the Spills Of National Significance (SONS 07) disaster exercise. The exercise was held throughout the week in cooperation with agencies from all levels of government and private organizations. The exercise was intended to show groups how to work together to solve problems and test their emergency preparedness. Issues like the use and management of resources were a major factor in the exercise. For example, it had to be determined how to best utilize emergency responders and vehicles, and be able to send some to other areas while still being able to main-

tain services in their own jurisdiction. I was assigned to logistics and the communications trailer. The scenario did not call for us to pass any traffic, but we were required to make contact with the Emergency Operations Center in Frankfort. We also had to show the ability to be able to communicate using other systems like amateur radio. Here's a look at the main operating position in the communications trailer.



Information about the exercise can be found on Kentucky's Division of Emergency Management website, <http://kyem.ky.gov/>.



You have probably noticed by now that the newsletter looks different and has

gone back towards the days of the past. Chris Shaw contacted me and let me know that he has too many other irons in the fire to continue with editing the HamCall. I'm trying to put this month's issue together myself in word format using back issues from the days when Dean and Hank were editors. I know it could look better, but for the moment this is the way it is. Mike McClure mentioned to me that maybe we should form a newsletter committee with two or three people who share the responsibility of editing the HamCall, that way not just one person is stuck with the responsibility of making sure it goes out every month. Think about whether you would like to volunteer your time and let us know at the meeting.



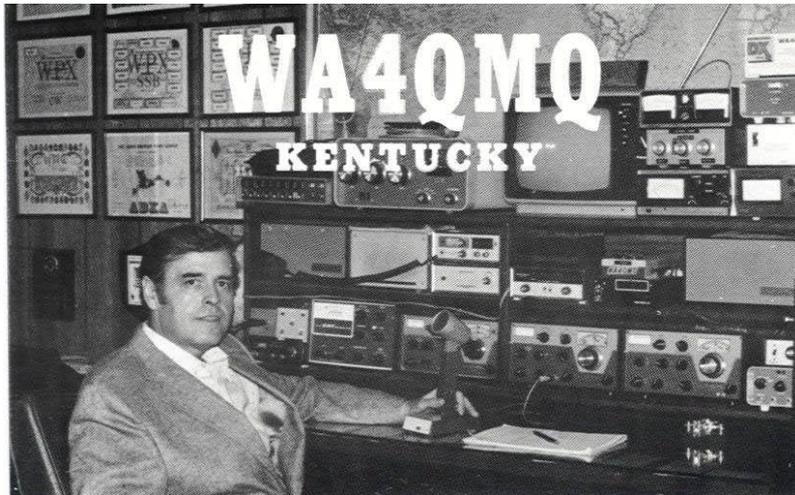
Emergency responders at the SONS 07 exercise.

I need club member input. Is anyone familiar with the Yaesu FTDX401 10 through 80-meter rig? This rig is what was donated for use in the mobile command post several years ago. It hasn't been installed and I was wondering if anyone has had any experience with that particular series of rigs. We would have to come up with a tuner and speaker to get everything rolling but the antenna shouldn't be a problem. Should we try to sell it and get a little money to upgrade to something newer? It's a 40-pound boat anchor, that I'm not real sure of the status of the tubes. Any thoughts are appreciated.

The program for the month will be a tour of the Bowling Green/Warren County Emergency Management Mobile Command Post. Members will have the opportunity to see how the trailer has changed and what equipment has been installed.

I'm trying to assemble a list of hams who are willing to participate in emergency communications. I know we have tried this in the past and it hasn't gotten off the ground. I'm in the process of helping our local Red Cross chapter obtain their ham tickets and set up station. I would also like to know if you are an ARES member. You can contact me directly at kf4mgu@insightbb.com. On a final note, please contact me before you go out and represent the club or ARES and solicit any affiliation with an organization for the purpose of emergency communications. It doesn't reflect well on either the club or ARES when an organization comes to me after you contact them and I have no idea what they are talking about.

Tim KF4MGU



Meeting Dates

August 17th
September 21st (Club Picnic)
October 19th (Election)
November 16th (Annual Dinner)
December 15th (Saturday Morning)

Local Information

Next Meeting: July 20th at the Bowling Green Police Department Community Room 7:00 pm.

The 4th District ARES Net Meets 7 nights a week at 9:00 pm local time.
Frequency: 147.165+, W4WSM repeater
Secondary Frequency: 147.330+ PL 107.2, KA4CFW repeater

Local Repeaters

Two-Meters

147.165+ W4WSM
147.060+ PL 156.7 KY4BG
147.330+ PL 107.2 KA4CFW
146.655- W4WSM

440MHz

444.100+ W4WSM
444.700+ PL 136.5 WB4JM (IRLP 4678)

ATV

439.25 AM In W4HTB
1280.00 FM Out W4HTB
421.25 AM Out (Channel 57) W4HTB

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